

Letter from Henry Kriebel of Lindina,¹ Wisconsin, to his family (parents Isaac and Anna (Haldeman) Kriebel and siblings) in Medina County, Ohio, dated June 13, 1857

The paper shows signs of wear on the tri-fold lines with limited foxing (brown spots) damage. The letter was written in ink that has faded to brown. The bottom edge is torn along a fold line, obscuring the final written lines on the obverse.

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Lindina Juneau Co. Wis

June the 13, 1857

Dear father & mother Brothers & Sisters
in affliction I set down to inform you
of the Sickness and sufferings and finely
ended in death [death] of my bosom [bosom] friend
and companion Elizabeth² yes She is dead [dead] and
gone ~~See~~ She is no more but I thought
to our mind in this world but She is gone
to A world to enjoy A neverending ~~happy~~ happiness
which we have no doubt for the evidence She has
left us on her dying bed has been A great comfort
for She Said that She was happy and going to heaven
She has been failing for some four month but
She has been able to be up some except for the last two
week She has been confined to her bed her disease [disease]
was Scrofula,³ she died on the 10th day of June and was
buried the 12th or yesterday, you tell Sister
Elizabeth⁴ that She has thought of her on her
dying bed [smudged out] bed and told me that She wanted
~~me~~ her to have her white dress and I Shall
Save it for her and bring it with me when
I come but I cannot tell when I can come
I should like to see you all I used to think
of you often but She was my comfort and
contentment [contentment] but She is gone and I feel the

¹ The town of Lindina was established in 1854. Milton Maughs named the town after his wife.
<https://townoflindina.com/history/>

² Henry married Elizabeth Jane Curtis on 22 February 1854, Medina County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Drayton and Gertrude (Kettle) Curtis. She lived from 21 April 1834 to 10 June 1857.

³ Scrofula is a bacterial infection of the lymph nodes of the neck. It is the same bacteria that causes tuberculosis which can be treated with antibiotics today.

⁴ Elizabeth (1844-1922) was one of Henry's sisters. She was 13 in 1857.

affection of my parents as I have in years
gone by She has given the baby⁵ to her mother
[torn] left [torn]

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letter some three weeks ago and She sayed
She would write to you when she got better
but she has gone and you will see no more
of her writing I cannot write much more
for this time but I trust in god and try
to be prepared to meet her beyond the grave
where parting is no more

my prayers are with you and hope
to meet you if god spare our life in
this world

Farewell from you ~~Son~~ affectionate
Son Henry Krieble

Write Soon for it be A great Satisfaction
in the hour of distress

I Send A piese [piece] of her Shroud
and A lock of her hair

Direct your letter to
Maughs Mill Post Office
Juneau Co Wis

⁵ Drayton Krieble was born bet. January-June 1857. He was raised by his maternal grandparents, Drayton and Gertrude Curtis, in and about Richfield, Summit County, Ohio.